

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 146**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi**

March 16, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 146—Relative to the Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 146, as introduced, Hayashi. Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Keller Avenue Bridge that crosses State Highway Route 580 in the City of Oakland as the Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege Memorial Bridge. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans,  
2 and Officer John Hege proudly served the Oakland Police  
3 Department for 18 years, 13 years, and 10 years, respectively; and  
4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dunakin began his career with the  
5 department in May 1991. During his career, he was assigned to  
6 several units of the department, including the Patrol Division, the  
7 Crime Prevention Unit, the Robbery Section, and the Homicide  
8 Unit; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1999, Sergeant Dunakin was promoted to the  
2 rank of Sergeant of Police; and

3 WHEREAS, While serving in the Homicide Unit, Sergeant  
4 Dunakin acted as one of the lead investigators of the “Nut Cases”  
5 gang, a group that terrorized Oakland in a 10-week crime wave in  
6 2002 and 2003. Sergeant Dunakin’s tireless work paid off when  
7 the gang was successfully arrested; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dunakin lived in Tracy with his wife,  
9 Angela, and three children, ages 15, 13, and 8; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ervin Romans started his career with the  
11 Oakland Police Department in 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Romans’ sense of duty and commitment  
13 to the department never wavered; in 1999, he received the Medal  
14 of Valor, the department’s highest honor, for evacuating  
15 endangered residents from a fire in West Oakland; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Romans’ expertise and attention to detail  
17 served the City of Oakland well when he become a Departmental  
18 Range Master, a position in which he trained hundreds of officers  
19 in the ethical and proper use of firearms and less lethal weapons;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, In 2005, Sergeant Romans was promoted to the  
22 rank of Sergeant of Police. As a sergeant, he supervised one of  
23 Oakland’s crime reduction teams and served as the entry team  
24 leader on the department’s Tactical Operations Team; and

25 WHEREAS, Sergeant Romans was a father of six. He lived with  
26 his wife and two of his children in Danville; and

27 WHEREAS, Officer John Hege started his career with the  
28 department as a volunteer reserve police officer in 1993. He was  
29 hired as a full-time police officer in 1999. Upon graduating from  
30 the Oakland Police Academy, he was assigned to the Bureau of  
31 Field Operations; and

32 WHEREAS, After patrolling the streets of Oakland for 10 years,  
33 Officer Hege fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was transferred  
34 to the Traffic Operations Section and assigned as a motorcycle  
35 officer; and

36 WHEREAS, Officer Hege gave his heart, soul, and a seemingly  
37 limitless amount of time to the Oakland Police Department, yet  
38 he always made time for his family and friends; and

39 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dunakin, Sergeant Romans, and Officer  
40 Hege dedicated their lives to the pursuit of safety and justice; and

1 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2009, Sergeant Dunakin was shot  
2 and killed and Officer Hege was mortally wounded during a traffic  
3 stop. Efforts to apprehend the suspect resulted in the death of  
4 Sergeant Romans; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
7 Keller Avenue Bridge that crosses State Highway Route 580 in  
8 the City of Oakland as the Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin  
9 Romans, and Officer John Hege Memorial Bridge; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
11 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
12 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
13 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
14 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
15 further

16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
17 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
18 author for appropriate distribution.